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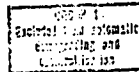
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting in Dr. [] Office re a Psychiatric Interview for Fred LAUNAGS

1. Present at the meeting were [] and [] from Office of Domestic Services/Allen Affairs; [] Office of Security; [] CI Staff; and [] Medical Staff; and myself [] SB Division. [] began the meeting by giving a brief statement concerning his knowledge about the LAUNAGS' case which was last brought to his attention by [] SB/O/AC. This was on the occasion of LAUNAGS' misadventure in Montreal, Canada, when he became involved with the Montreal police and attempted to stow away on a Swiss air craft headed for Switzerland. I said the purpose of this meeting was to determine how best to convince LAUNAGS he should visit a psychiatrist. Because we had no reading on Subject's mental condition since his termination by CIA which occurred sometime in 1958-59, we felt it was necessary to obtain an expert's diagnosis so as to determine exactly how to handle this case. I said that [] has suggested that instead of taking an official interest in Subject's health through [] we use a cut-out in the form of [] contract agent [] who could suggest to LAUNAGS that he has the name of a psychiatrist which was obtained through his wife, a former dentist. In this way there would be no U.S. Government participation in the mechanics of the interview arrangements nor in the payment for the interview. [] believes that should Subject ever become involved with the police and then come to the attention of the newspapers, which would presumably be interested in Subject because of his experience as a CIA agent he could, during the interview, because of unstable mental conditions, accuse CIA of forcing him to accept psychiatric advice.

2. [] felt that Subject will be a long-term resettlement problem for the Agency and it makes no sense to try to keep our distance. Therefore, [] suggested

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we approach Subject through [] who is in direct contact with Subject, for the purpose of obtaining Subject's agreement to a psychiatric interview. [] is available for this interview. [] feels that even though we should use [] as a cut-out there is possibly a connection in Subject's mind between [] and the U.S. Government which means that Subject will probably feel that there is Government interest in the psychiatric interview, although it had been arranged by [] maintained that Subject knew at one time that [] did work for the Government but was told several weeks ago that he was no longer connected with the Government. I believe the general consensus was in agreement with [] suggestion that CIA involve itself directly with such an arrangement for a psychiatric interview. Subject in his more lucid moments agrees that he needs medical help. He remembers the pills which he obtained from a Latvian doctor in New York City which he believes helped him considerably. [] has already spoken to Subject about a psychiatric interview and suggested treatment for his mental condition to which Subject agreed; however, with the exception that he not be incarcerated in a hospital.

3. The next step in our attempt to resettle Subject will be an approach by [] to Subject with the suggestion that he visit a psychiatrist and the interview will be paid by the Agency.

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